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On May 22, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs informed us that it would forward a letter to the Ministry of Commerce, authorizing that ministry to extend AER-covered investment approvals to US applicants for an additional 90 days (reftel). With this extension, US benefits under the AER will continue until o/a September 5, 2006. BOYCE